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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 21-23 and add the following new claims 24-26:

- 24. (New) In a method for the treatment of water comprising contacting said water with activated carbon, the improvement wherein said activated carbon is the activated carbon of claim 1.
- 25. (New) The method of claim 24 for removing atrazine from said water, wherein said activated carbon has a BET surface area of at least $2000 \, m^2/g$ and a butane absorption coefficient of 45% TO 75 %.

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